

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry be authorized to conduct a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in 328A, Senate Russell Office Building. The purpose of this committee hearing will be to consider Working Land Conservation: Conservation Security Program and Environmental Quality Incentive Programs.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room SR-253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to evaluate the status of implementation of the aviation security recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet in Executive Session during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 9:45 a.m. in SD-406.

Agenda

Rules: Rules of the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 10 a.m., in 215 Dirksen Senate Office Building, to organize for the 110th Congress. The Committee will also consider an Original Bill entitled, "The Small Business and Work Opportunity Act of 2007."

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. to hold a hearing on Iraq.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a hearing on "Pay-

ing Off Generics to Prevent Competition with Brand Name Drugs: Should it Be Prohibited?" on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. in Dirksen Senate Office Building room 226.

Witness List

Panel I: Hon. Jon Leibowitz, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC.

Panel II: Billy Tauzin, CEO, PhRMA, Washington, DC; Merrill Hirsh Partner, Ross, Dixon, and Bell LLP, Washington, DC; Bruce Downey, Chairman and CEO, Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Washington, DC; Michael Wroblewski, Consumers Union, Non-Profit Publisher of Consumer Reports, Yonkers, NY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on January 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON READINESS AND MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, January 17, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., to receive testimony on abusive practices in Department of Defense Contracting for services and inter-agency contracting.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DEMOCRACY FOR SERBIA

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 31 which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 31) expressing support for democratic forces in Serbia and encouraging the people of Serbia to remain committed to a democratic path.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 31) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 31

Whereas, in September 2000, the people of Serbia fought for democracy by going to the

streets to hold protests and rallies until President Slobodan Milosevic was removed from power and the Government of Serbia was handed over to democratic forces;

Whereas, in the following years, the democratic leadership of Serbia worked to establish a democratic society, functional rule of law, a free market economy, and respect for human and minority rights;

Whereas the President of Serbia, Boris Tadic, has expressed publicly his commitment to the principles of democracy and the dream of leading Serbia forward on this path;

Whereas Serbia is a member of several international organizations and has voiced its desire to become a member of the European Union (EU);

Whereas Serbia has enacted several military and defense reforms to strengthen ties to its Western allies and the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Alliance;

Whereas, on September 7, 2006, Serbia signed a Status of Forces Agreement with the United States Government to facilitate Serbia's participation in joint military exercises and training;

Whereas, on September 8, 2006, President Tadic commemorated the beginning of Serbia's participation in the National Guard State Partnership Program with the Ohio National Guard;

Whereas, on December 14, 2006, Serbia was granted accession to the NATO Partnership for Peace (PfP) program, along with its neighbors, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro, initiating formal cooperation between NATO and Serbia;

Whereas Serbia has transferred 36 individuals indicted for war crimes to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), including Milosevic and some of his top officials, and provided thousands of documents to the Office of the Prosecutor of the ICTY;

Whereas Serbia has taken some additional steps, under the supervision of the ICTY and the international community, to enact judicial reforms and establish special courts to try individuals indicted for war crimes in Kosovo, Bosnia, and Croatia;

Whereas Serbia has failed to arrest war criminal Ratko Mladic for the horrific crimes he committed at Srebrenica in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which prevented Serbia's earlier participation in the PfP program and its progression in EU accession talks;

Whereas, on January 21, 2007, Serbia will hold democratic parliamentary elections to determine Serbia's future leadership at this critical juncture in Serbia's history;

Whereas Albanian parties in southern Serbia will participate in the parliamentary elections for the first time in over 15 years; and

Whereas a strong, stable, and democratic Serbia is critical to the future of the region: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) the United States should be committed to a strong relationship with a democratic Serbia as Serbia moves toward its goals of membership in the European Union (EU) and cooperation with the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO);

(2) the inclusion of Serbia in the NATO Partnership for Peace Program was a critical step in bringing Serbia closer to the Euro-Atlantic Alliance;

(3) Serbia will now have the opportunity to enact defense reforms and apply for a Membership Action Plan for NATO;

(4) Serbia should continue its progress on reform, including defense and judiciary reforms and reforms in the area of human and minority rights;

(5) Serbia should move quickly to fulfill its obligations to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, including by immediately arresting Ratko Mladic and transferring him to the Hague because this step is essential for Serbia to be admitted into the EU and NATO;

(6) as Serbia continues to work toward integration in Euro-Atlantic institutions, the United States should continue and increase its defense and security cooperation with the Government of Serbia, including through education, training, and technical cooperation, to assist Serbia in the reform process and in fulfilling the requirements for membership in NATO; and

(7) the United States should remain a friend to the people of Serbia as they continue on the path of democracy.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—H.R. 391

Mr. REID. Mr. President, there is at the desk H.R. 391 which has been received from the House, if I am not mistaken. I would ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 391) to authorize the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to continue to insure, and to enter into commitments to insure, home equity conversion mortgages under section 255 of the National Housing Act.

Mr. REID. I would ask for its second reading and object to my own request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9 a.m. on Thursday, January 18; that on Thursday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and there then be a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the first hour under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the second hour under the control of the Republican leader or his designee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, if I could say a brief word here, I hope the distinguished Republican leader has gotten the information—we tried to do it through staff—that sometime between 3 and 6 tomorrow, we will do a vote on the motion to reconsider that we had on the cloture vote. Then thereafter or

sometime during the day tomorrow I will talk to the distinguished Republican leader and find out what happens next. There are a number of alternatives we have as to what we can do on Friday, but I will talk to my friend from Kentucky and try to work something out; otherwise, we will advise him what we are going to do.

COMPLETION OF ETHICS REFORM LEGISLATION

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, let me say to my friend the majority leader, I still hope we can finish this bill. We are not that far away from completion, if we can work out an orderly way in which to deal with the amendments that need to be offered by this side. I hope we can reach agreement tomorrow and move toward completing the bill.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. REID. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 10:52 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 18, 2007, at 9 a.m.